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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. No representation is made that the reference(s) is/are prior art with respect to this application.

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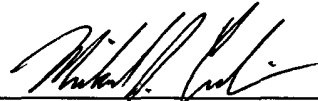
The Examiner's attention is further directed to the co-pending parent applications identified above. The identification of such U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to such applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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